

Laconia, a station in Kittitas county at Snoqualmie pass used before the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway tunnel was completed through the Cascade Range. It was named on the supposition that there was a town of that name in the Swiss Alps but later Mr. Williams was unable to find it on the map of Switzerland (H.R. Williams vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company in Names MSS Letter 589) Mea ny

Lake Chelan, extending from near the Columbia River northwestward into the Cascade Mountains. Captain (Later General George B. McClellan) was at the lake on September 25, 1853, and refers to it as Lake Chelann. (Pacific Railway Reports, Volume 1, Pages 377-389. For a discussion of the name see Chelan. (Meany)

Lakeside, a station on the electric railway three miles north of Cheney,
Spokane County. It was named about 1906 (C. Selvidge, Four Lakes in
names, MSS ^Letter 108) Meany)

Lamont, a town in the northwestern part of Whitman County named
for Daniel Lamont, vice president of the Northern Pacific Railway Company
(L.C. Gilman in names MSS letter 590) Meany.

- Lantz, a postoffice in the eastern part of Adams county. John O. Robinson was commissioned postmaster on May 28, 1904. The office kept in his house, he had named for his son, Lantz Robinson. When the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad was built a siding was given the same name of Lantz (Postmaster, in Names MSS, Letter 16) Meany)

Latah, a town in the southeastern corner of Spokane and a creek flowing northwesterly to the Spokane River near the City of Spokane. The railroad surveyors called it Camas Prairie Creek in 1853, (Vol XI, Part II, Charge No 3, Vol XLL, Book 1. In 1858 Col. Wright while punishing the Indians for their defeat of Col. Steptoe killed about 800 horses and hanged a number of Indians. The creek flowing near received the name of Hangman creek. Now Col. Wright dated his dispatches Camp on the Nedwhauld River. Others of his party wrote it Neduald, Nedwhuald and some wrote it Lahtoo. Father Eells said one Indian name was sin-too-too-ooley or place where little fish are caught. Objecting to the gruesome word, Hangman, the legislature changed it to Latah, a clumsy corruption of the more euphonious Indian word Lahtoo. (N.W. Durham, Page 254. Major R.H. Wimpy settled

near the present town of Latah in the early seventies and the postoffice was named Alpha in 1875 but soon afterwards it was changed to Latah. Other early settlers were Benjamin F. Coplen and Lewis Cople. The town was platted in 1886. (History of Spokane County, Page 277. (Meany))

Laurier, a town on the Columbia River in the northeastern corner of Ferry county near the Canadian boundary. It was named by the Great Northern Railroad Company in 1902 for Sir W. lfred Laurier , Premier of Canada (C.H. Didwell in Names MSS Letter 203) Meany.

Lavender, a railroad station near Easton in the western part of
Kittitas county. The name was a chance selection (H.R. Williams, vice
president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company in Names
MSS Letter 589) Meany

Le Clare, a creek and town in the central part of Pend Oreille County,
"probably named in honor of the Le Clerc brothers, early settlers."
(Mrs. N.H. Emery, Crescent, in Names MSS Letter 66 (Meany))

Lenora, a town in the central part of Pend Oreille County, named in 1902 or 1903 by Lucas & Sutton, sawmill men for the daughter of Mr.

Lucas (Postmaster at Usk in Names MS^S Letter 78) Meany

Levey, a station east of Pasco in Franklin county, named for C.M.

Levey, Third vice president of the Northern Pacific Railway Company
(L.C. Gilman in names MSS Letter 590)Meany)

Lewis County, the second unit of government established north of the Columbia River by the provisional government of Oregon, December 21, 1845. It embraced the land west of the Cowlitz River and northward to fifty four forty "until the treaty of 1846 limited it to the forty-ninth parallel. The name was an honor for Captains Meriwether Lewis. (Edmond S. Meany History of the State of Wash.)

Lewis River, the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1803-1806 gave this name to what is known as Snake River. David Thompson , 1811-1812 shows Lewis's river as a branch of the Komoenim river, his name for the Snake. The Wilkes Expedition shos the main river as the Saptin or Lewis River, one branch of which is called North Branch or Salmon Eiver and another branch South Branch or Snake River (Col XXIII Atlas Map 67

Lewis River, a stream rising in the northern part of Skamania county and flowing southwestward into the Columbia....A former name was Cathlapootle. The railroad surveyors, 1853, called the north fork Cath-la-pootle River (Pacific Railroad Reports Vol XI, Part II, Map 3)Meany

Liberty, a town in the north central part of Kittitas county, named for
Gus Nelson in 1892 (E?G? Powers in names MSS Letter 295.) Meany

Liberty Lake, in the central part of Spokane county. It is said to have been named for Louis La Liberte, a foreman of Mr. Shaw, Hudson's Day Company agent. (N.W. Durham, Spokane, and the Inland Empire, Page 53, Meany)

Lime Lake, a small lake north of Metaline Falls in Pend Oreille County. It was named because of a deposit of lime on the entire bottom of the clear watered lake (E.O. Dressel, in Names MSSS Letter 51) Meany.

Lincoln county, established by the legislature of Washington Territory on November 24, 1883, and named in honor of Abraham Lincoln. See also Douglas County(Meany)

Lind, a town in Adams county named by the NP thirty years ago.(H.R.
Williams vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St.Paul Railway
Company, in names MSS Letter 530)Meany)